Title: Regarding recent political situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHARY (BERHAMPORE, WEST BENGAL): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of this House that in spite of massive deployment of Army, the insurgent activities in the Kashmir Valley are continuing unabated. Despite the commendable performance by our security forces, the militants can still strike at their own will.

Now, the Taliban elements are going to enforce their own code of conduct. Exchange of fire has been reported from Jammu, Rajouri, Poonch and Baramula sectors. Sensing the situation as convenient, the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir has already raked up the autonomy issue. The State Autonomy Committee has recommended that the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Jammu and Kashmir, as adopted by the Jammu and Kashmir State Constituent Assembly, be restored. The Assembly has passed a resolution thereby adopting all the recommendations made by the Jammu and Kashmir State Autonomy Committee.

May I ask the Government whether the State of Jammu and Kashmir would be reverted to pre-1953 status because the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir had already claimed that the NDA Government was contemplating over the autonomy issue seriously and sincerely.

I would like to know whether the *Sadr-e-Riyasat* would be restored in the Jammu and Kashmir Valley or not.

This Government is still keeping us in the dark. Therefore, I would like to know from this Government about the present situation in Kashmir as far as autonomy is concerned. Is the Government contemplating over this issue as has been claimed by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir?